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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

H. Takeuchi

Serial No.: **To Be Assigned**

Art Unit: **To Be Assigned**

Filed: **Concurrently herewith**

Examiner: **To Be Assigned**

For: **Bendable Bottom Member For Bed**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

After assigning a serial number to the above-captioned application and before calculating the fee, kindly undertake the following changes:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute amended claims 5 and 6 below for original claims 5 and 6 as follows:

5. (Amended) A bendable bottom member, according to claim 1, wherein the beveled portions at the bases of the connecting protrusions are inclined in adaptation to the desired bending angles with the adjacent bars.